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**RICHARDS GARDENS**  
"OLD HOMESTEAD BRAND"  
PLAINWELL, MICHIGAN

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RETAIL LIST  
PERENNIAL SEEDLINGS  
FALL 1938





# Richards Gardens

"Old Homestead Perennials"



Charles T. Richards  
Owner

Evergreens  
Shrubs

Plainwell, Michigan

## Field Grown Phlox

We are large growers of Phlox and we have the following in field grown plants which are one year old, the best size for transplanting. These are well rooted and have all bloomed in the field so we know they are true to name. A nice planting of Phlox will give color to your garden during July and August when many of our other perennials are not in bloom. The wide range in color will make it possible for you to have a real colorful garden. Our fine list includes some of the best of the old and the best of the new. These are NOT prepaid at these prices but add 25c for each dozen ordered if you wish them prepaid.

AFRICA—Carmine red with darker eye. Large trusses. One of the most beautiful, strong growing varieties in its color.

BARON VON DEDEM—Brilliant orange-scarlet with a carmine eye.

BORDER QUEEN—Dwarf with massive heads of water-melon pink. Long blooming season

CAROLINE VANDENBURG—Lavender bloom, the nearest to a blue of all phlox. Large individual flowers. Splendid variety.

ECLAIREUR—Large growing purple. The very best in the purple colors.

E. I. FARRINGTON—Large trusses of delightful salmon shade with lighter eye. In some seasons this is slightly mottled giving it real distinctive beauty.

GENERAL PETAINE—Old rose with a dark eye. This is distinctive as it is the only phlox that can be given this color description.

Any of the above all labelled and well packed and guaranteed to reach you in good condition  
15c each or 12 for \$1.50

DAILY SKETCH—New. Outstanding and immense flowers, light salmon pink with carmine eye. Probably the tallest growing of all phlox and one that has had the widest publicity in the last two years.

LEO SCHLAGETER—New. One of the most vivid and fiery red phlox. Really outstanding variety with good bloom and foliage.

LILLIAN—New. One of the most beautiful of all pink phlox. Slight salmon shade. Better than Elizabeth Campbell because it is a sure grower.

Any of above all labelled and well packed and guaranteed to reach you in good condition  
20c each or 12 for \$2.00

10 Phlox, all labelled, our selection for \$1.00

MRS. SCHOLTEN—Dark salmon pink, very large flowers. One of the most striking varieties in our whole collection.

SALMON GLOW—A true, clear, deep salmon-pink with deep carmine eye. Large size and robust grower.

SALOME—New. Dark pink without magenta coloring so common to phlox. You will like it because it is a clear color with large trusses of flowers and a good grower.

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## Field Grown Perennials

Often people who buy our seedlings ask if we have field grown plants as they wish something for immediate effect. To supply this demand we transplanted several thousand of the better known varieties of perennials. These have been carefully grown and are real plants. They have been given plenty of space in the field and are well rooted and will give you the immediate effect you so desire. Buy a few to plant in connection with your seedling plants.

AQUILEGIA (Columbine) Crimson Star—Long spurred, new brilliant dark crimson. Very profuse bloomer  
25c each, 12 for \$2.50

DOBBIES IMPERIAL HYBRIDS—A very fine selection, 18-24 inches high. Long spurred, unequal ed for range of colors and sturdiness.  
20c each, 12 for \$2.00

COLORADO RAINBOW MIXTURE—These are all colors of the rainbow and the native Colorado Columbine. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

JAETSCHAUI—Large flowered yellow with long red spurs, grows 3 ft. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

MRS. SCOTT ELLIOTT—This is without question the finest strain in existence. 20c each, 12 for \$2

BLEEDING HEART—This is the same plant that was in your Grandmother's garden with heart shaped flowers that bloom for a good portion of the summer. Very excellent foliage. 25c each or 12 for \$2.50

BLEEDING HEART, EXEMIA—With the fernlike foliage, more dwarf growing than *Dicentra* but more profuse blooming. 20c each or 12 for \$2.00

DELPHINIUM, BELLAMOSUM—Tall, graceful spikes of bloom covered with blooms in charming color of dark blue. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

HOODACRE WHITE—These run from light blues to about 70% white, many double. Tall growing and really a handsome *Delphinium*. Seed is from once removed from the famous Hoodacre Gardens at Hoodriver, Ore. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

LYONDEL—These are from seed once removed from Lyondel Gardens. Their shades are from light blue, dark blue, pastel shades. Many double, not the best but a very high grade strain. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

VETTERLE & REINELT, Pacific Hybrids—These are from seed direct from the originator. They have all bloomed and nothing but the very best has been retained. Everyone double and there are many pastel and lavender shades with the blues. They are without doubt the last word in *Delphiniums*.  
40c each, 6 for \$2.00, limit 12 to a customer

These are NOT prepaid. If you wish them prepaid add 25c per dozen. These plants are well packed and guaranteed to reach you in good condition.

WREXHAM—The hollyhock *Delphinium*, tall growing plants which as name implies the florets are arranged like hollyhocks. Colors run from light to dark blue with many having lavender shadings, many are double. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

CHRYSANTHEMUM—We have the famous pink cushion which starts blooming in August and the plant is covered with hundreds of flowers from then on to frost. 30c each, 7 for \$2.00

HOLLYHOCKS, double, Newport Pink—Immense blossoms that look like Mons Jules Elie Peony in form but with more pleasant color. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

BLOOD-RED—The same description applies to this with the exception it looks like a Felix Crousse Peony. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

MIXED—15c each, 12 for \$1.50

PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisy) Roseum Pink shades—These are from plants from which the seed was supposed to produce a double Pyrethrum. We found that possibly 25% were double. We don't have these selected but our field run plants are fine and in a dozen you might get three or four plants that would prove double. 25c each, 12 for \$2.50

ROSEUM PINK SHADES—Showy flowers, bloom freely on long stems during May and June. Valuable for border and cutting. Very hardy.  
20c each, 12 for \$2.00

ATROSANGUINEUM—Dark red shades  
20c each, 12 for \$2.00

JAMES KELWAY—Dark blood-red shades  
20c each, 12 for \$2.00

SHASTA DAISY, The Giant—These are immense shasta daisies 3 to 4 inches across with two rows of petals. They are, we think, the finest in Shasta Daisies.  
25c each, 12 for \$2.50

STATICE LATIFOLIA (Sea Lavender)—This plant has a Lavender lacelike foliage and when dried is excellent for winter bouquets. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

TRITOMA (Torch Lily or Red Hot Poker)—Orange colored spikes, blooming in autumn with real autumn colors  
20c each, 12 for \$2.00

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	PER DOZ.		PER DOZ.
ACHILLEA, FILIPENDULA Parkers variety (Yarrow), splendid cut flowers. The flowers if cut when full may be dried for later use. Yellow and grows 4 to 5 ft.	.55	LONGISSIMA-Long spurred, delicate yellow, new Mrs. Scott Elliott-This is without question the finest strain in existence.	.55 .75
AGROSTEMMA (Mullein leaf pink) Coronaria Atrosanguinea, deep blood red flowers. June to August.	.55	ROCKY MOUNTAIN BLUE- Long spurred blue shades.	.55
ALYSSUM ARGENTUM (Gold Dust) Similar to the Saxatile but taller and two weeks later.	.40	*ARABIS ALPINA (White Rock Cress), White 12 inches high, splendid for border rockery and lasts quite some time when cut.	.40
SAXATILE COMPACTUM (Gold Dust), Big clusters of bright yellow flowers in early spring, excellent rockery or front of border. 12 inches tall.	.40	ASTER (Michaelmas Daisy), Alpinus Goliath-soft blue, 15 inches high. Blooms in June.	.55
ANCHUSA, Italica Dropmore (Alkanet) Large, gentian-blue, excellent for cutting. 6 ft high and blooms in June.	.40	BEAUTY OF RONSDORF-Large lilac-rose, branches freely, blooms August to September.	.55
*MYOSOTIDIFLORA (Alkanet), A Dwarf perennial with clusters of blue flowers resembling forget-me-nots. Grows in Sun or shade and flowers in May and June.	1.00	FARRERI-soft tone of violet mauve, June to July, creeping for rock gardens.	.55
ANEMONE, St. Brigid's Hybrids (Windflower), Favored for lasting quality of bloom, length of stem and brilliancy of colors. 18 inches high. These are bulbs only.	.50	MIXED LARGE FLOWERING- Bloom in August	.55
AQUILEGIA (Columbine) Colo. Rainbow Mixture-These are all colors of the Rainbow and the native Colorado Columbine.	.55	ROTUNDIFOLIUS-Bright yellow disc with florets of forget-me-nots blue.	.55
CRIMSON STAR-Long spurred new brilliant dark crimson. Very profuse bloomer.	1.00	STAR OF EISENACH-Bright lavender blue with yellow centers measuring over 4 inches across. May and June.	.55
DOBBIES IMPERIAL HYBRIDS A very fine selection, 18-24 inches high. Long spurred, unequaled for range of colors and sturdiness.	.55	AUBRIETIA-Large flowered hybrids	.55
JAETSCHAUI-Large Flowered Yellow with long red spurs, grows 3 ft.	.55	Deltoides-Lilac	.55
		Gracca-violet	.55
		Leichtlini-rosy purple	.55
		CAMPANULA, Carpatica (Hare Bell) 9 inches high.	.40
		MEDIUM (Canterbury Bells), Following are all the medium which means they are cup and saucer type.	.40
		DOUBLE & SINGLE PRIZE MIXTURE-plants covered with mixed colored bells.	.40
		BLUE-Plants covered with blue flowers.	.40
		LIGHT BLUE-Plants covered with light blue flowers.	.40
		PINK-plants covered with pink flowers.	.40
		WHITE-plants covered with white flowers.	.40

\* PLANTS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING ONLY

	PER DOZ	PER DOZ	
PERSICIFOLIA BLUE-grows 2 ft high, covered with bell flowers, a true perennial variety. Fine for cutting.	.40	BLACKMORE & LANGDON-Tall graceful spikes of bloom covered with captivating blooms in charming color combinations. All the clear shades of blue with many delightful opaline variations, from imported seed.	.75
BLUE & WHITE-grows 2 ft high. Fine for cutting.	.40	BLACKMORE & LANGDON-Seed from selected plants once removed from imported seed.	.55
CARNATION GRENADIN, These make a fine addition to your garden and furnish a profusion of cut flowers. Blooms in June.	.55	CHINESE-Graceful plants & spikes loosely arranged, excellent for cutting and garden display.	.55
GOLDEN SUN	.55	ELATUM HYBRIDUM INDIGO- True blue.	.55
PINK	.55	HOODACRE-Grown from seed once removed from Hood-acre's white. Will run about 33 1/3% white. These are tall growing plants and a splendid Delphinium.	.55
RED	.55	*LAMARTINE-A splendid Delphinium with that illusive Gentian-blue so rare in flowers. One of the finest for cutting. New.	.75
WHITE	.55	LYONDEL-grown from selected plants of Lyondel plants in one of the finest private gardens in Michigan. This is one of the finest of hybrid Delphiniums in existence.	.55
CENTUREA MONTANA, (Perennial Bachelor Button).	.40	VETTERLE & REINELT-Stems of this strain are wiry, strong enough to resist high winds, mildew resistant plants predominate, under conditions your seedlings should produce beautiful spikes 3 to 5 ft high with only 1 to 2 ft foliage. Flowers large 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Many double, some semi-double and single.	.55
CERASTIUM TOMENTOSUM (Snow in Summer), Silvery white foliage, white flowers 16 inches.	.40	*LIGHT BLUE	1.00
CHELONE BARBATA COCCINEA(Shell Flower), Scarlet with yellow, 4 ft. High, good substitute for Coral Bell.	.40	*MID BLUE	1.00
CHEIRANTHUS (Wallflower) All-ioni Golden Bedder- A new strain with bright golden yellow flowers. 1 ft high, blooms during June and July.	.55	MIXED	1.00
COREOPSIS, Double sunburst- double new gold, large flowers 1 to 2 inches across.	.55	*WHITE	1.00
LANCEOLATA-Golden yellow One of the best for cut flowers.	.40	WREXHAM-Also known as Hollyhock Delphinium, which describes it very well, tall tapering spikes with rich and varying tints.	.75
LANCEOLATA GRANDIFLORA- Pl. Semi-double. 60% of these are double and are a fine addition to the Coreopsis family.	.55	*DIANTHUS, ALWOODII-Carnation and pink hybrids with beautiful	
DELPHINIUM, BELLADONNA IMPROVED. CLIVEDEN BEAUTY-A carefully selected strain which we highly recommend. Finest light blue.	.55	PLANTS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING ONLY	
BELLAMOSUM-Tall, graceful spikes of bloom covered with blooms in charming color of dark blue.	.55		

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flowers double & single mixed colors. 18 inches high.		GAILLARDIA, Burgundy- .40 Shining wine-red flowers about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, on long still stem, from June to Fall.
BARBATUS (Sweet William) Perfectly hardy, early June		DAZZLER-Large flowers. .40 Bright golden yellow with rich maroon-red centers
MIDGET MIXED .40		GOBLIN-This is dwarf .75 gaillardia that should be in every garden, plants from 12 to 15 inches high, covered with large showy deep red flowers.
NEWPORT PINK-Salmon-Pink .40		PORTOLA HYBRIDS-Flowers .55 very large, petals very broad and overlapping, heavily tipped with golden yellow.
SCARLET BEAUTY .40		
TURKEY RED .40		
CAESIUS (Chedder Pink) Dense tufts glaucous blue foliage and large rose colored flowers. Blooms in July.	.55	
PLUMARIUS, CYCLOPS, red hybrids DOUBLE MIXED (Clove Pinks), old fashioned hardy pinks, very fragrant.	.40	
HIGHLAND QUEEN ROSE HYBRIDS, Lustrous scarlet vermillion color.	.55	*GEUM-Boresii, orange scarlet .60 Lady Stratheden (Golden Ball).55 blooms a rich golden-yellow 2 ft. high.
Latifolius Atrococcincus .40		Mrs. Bradshaw, Glowing red. .55 2 ft. high.
Beautiful outdoor pink of deep crimson on stout stem. 15 to 18 inches high.		GYPSOPHILA (Baby's Breath) .40 Paniculata- white. 40 inches high.
*LOVELINESS, large lacer- ated petals of exquisite mauve pink.	1.00	SNOW WHITE, DOUBLE- 2 ft .55 high, will run quite a large percentage double and are excellent for cutting.
SPRING BEAUTY, Double giant flowered carnation like in form and size, beautiful color range.	.40	HELENIUM, BIGELOWI-Excellent .55 for cutting, yellow with black center. 20 inches.
SWEET WIVELSFIELD, Single mixed, adapted for border and rock gardens, excellent cut flower. 1 ft high.	.40	RIVERTON BEAUTY-Lemon .55 yellow, fall blooming. 4 ft. high.
DIGITALIS, Giant Shirley Hybrids (Foxglove) 6 to 7 ft. high.	.40	GEM- Crimson and gold. .55 fall blooming, $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft high.
ECHINOPS RITRO (Globe Thistle) showy thistle-like plant with globular heads of metallic blue flowers during July and August, which can be dried remaining attractive for a long time. 2 to 3 ft high.	.40	HELIANTHEMUM MUTABILE- .40 Mixed colors, low growing evergreen plants forming large clumps completely covered with bloom during July and August. 8 to 12 inches.
EDELWEISS, Large flowered, 6 inches.	.55	HELIOPSIS, LEMOINE STRAIN .40 Very brilliant border plant resembling a double sunflower. Flowers golden yellow.
ERIGERON SPECIOSUS HYB. semi-double, lavender, varies 1-2/3 ft.	.55	SCABRA ZINNIAEFLORA-Yellow .40 Semi-double 3 ft.
ERYNGIUM, AMETHYSTINUM- Amethyst-blue 3 ft high.	.55	*HEUCHERA, SANGUINEA-Crimson .60 30 inches.

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HIBISCUS MALLOW MARVEL RED 4 ft.	.40	
HOLLYHOCK, DOUBLE- We have selected these varieties as being the very best of all the hollyhocks in ex- istence.		LINUM PERENNE (Perennial Flax) Very attractive foliage, pale blue bloom on slender stem. Flowers from May to August. 2½ ft. high.
APPLEBLOSSOM	.55	*LOBELIA CARDINALIS (Cardinal .55 Flower), fine native per- ennial for moist shady places tall stems with red flowers in full bloom August and September.
BLOOD-RED	.55	
COLORADO SUNSET	.55	
CRIMSON	.55	
DEEP ROSE	.55	
IMPERATOR IMPROVED	.55	
NEWPORT PINK	.55	LUNARIA BIENNIS ALBA .55 (Honesty or Peters Penny), Silvery white seed panicles, in demand for bouquets.
QUEEN OF SHEBA	.55	
SALMON ROSE	.55	
TRIUMPH	.55	
YELLOW	.55	
IBERIS (Candytuft) Gibraltar- .40 ica- Large flowers lilac shaded to white, 8 to 12 inches blooms in May.		LYCHINIS CHALCEDONICA-Flowers .40 vivid scarlet, blooming a long time, fine for hardy border.
SEMPERVIRENS-White, Blooms .55 in May		VISCARIA SPIENDENS-Fine .40 border plant, blooms profusely in June and July.
IRIS KAEMPFERI (Japanese Iris) .40 Most magnificent of garden flowers, foliage very ornamental.		MATRICARIA, Ball's Double .55 White- This is the one and only fully double flowering pure white strain of Feverfew. 98% true to this description.
SIBERICA- Siberian variet- .55 ies mixed.		
LATHYRUS LATIFOLIUS (Everlast- ing Pca) Climbing plant providing excellent covers for banks and terraces with plenty of flowers for cutting.		MYOSOTIS ALFESTRIS, Blue .40 (Forget-me-nots)-clear blue, 12 inches high.
PINK 6 for .50		NEPETA MUSSINI- Neat bushes .40 of small lavender-like foliage covered with spikes of lavender-blue flowers; both foliage and flowers aromatic.
RED 6 for .50		
LIATRIS, PYCNOTACHYA (Gay .55 Feather or Blazing star) Rose purple flowers.		*OENOTHERA (Evening Primrose) .55 Youngii- snowy and beauti- ful plants for borders and beds flowering from June to October, yellow.
LIATRIS SCARIOSA WHITE .55		PAPAVER (Poppy) Nudicaulo El .40
LILIUM PHILIPPINENSE .55		Monte-Deep tangerine orange
FORMOSANUM-Giant pure .55 white. 1 year bulbs.		Empress- Flowers large, .55 broad overlapping petals, deeply fluted giving effect of doubleness, colors range through shades of salmon-rose and creamy pink.
LILIUM PHILIPPINENSE .40 FORMOSANUM White with Pink markings. 1 year bulbs.		
LINARIA MACEDONICA SPECIOSA, .40 (Pcennial snapdragon), Yellow flowers with light green foliage, very effect- ive as cut flowers, and very free bloomer.		

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FAKENHAM HYBRIDS- Flowers	.55	HOUSES HYBRIDS-Flowers	.55
2 to 3 inches in diameter, come in shades of orange, yellow, white and with long stiff stems. Extremely free flowering and last well as cut flowers.		very large, range in color from light blue and lavender to deep blue and silvery white.	
YELLOW WONDER	.55	SHASTA DAISY-Excellent cut flowers, very hardy.	
PLATYCODON (Chinese Bell-flower) Early blooming giant blue- these are much larger flowers than the Grandiflora variety.	.55	ALASKA-Best white, 40 inches, bloom in July.	.40
GRANDIFLORUM BLUE- 26 inches high, large showy deep blue flowers blooming all summer. Splendid for hardy border.	.40	CONQUEROR-Giant flowered white, late.	.40
POLEMONIUM COERULEUM (Jacob's Ladder) blue, showy free flowering plant for sunny border, easily grown.	.40	DIENER'S DOUBLE-Flowers 5 inches across, resemble giant aster.	.55
PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisy) Robinsons Hybrids.	.55	KING EDWARD VII-	.40
ROSEUM HYBRIDUM PINK- showy flowers, bloom freely on long stems during May and June; valuable for border and cutting. Very hardy.	.40	STATICE LATIFOLIA (Sea Lavender) blue, fine for winter bouquets. 1 ft high.	.55
ATROSANGUINEUM-dark red shades.	.55	STOKESIA (Cornflower) Cyanea Blue - China aster-like flowers appearing about September. Prefers sheltered location, should be grown in all gardens since flowers are beautiful in form and color.	.40
JAMES KELWAY-dark blood red.	.40	TUNICA SAXAFRIGA 5 inches grass-like foliage with pink blossoms for a good portion of the season.	.40
RUDBECKIA, Autumn Tints- profuse bloomer, fine for cut flowers, very hardy.	.55	*VALERIANA (Garden Heliotrope) .55 RUBRA COCCINEA-This is a brilliant scarlet, grows to 36 inches and excellent for cut flowers. One of the very best of the Valerianas.	
SALVIA AZUREA (Meadow Sage) Stately willow-like spikes, pale blue flowers in fall. 4 ft.	.40	*VERONICA, AMETHYSTINA- Long clusters of bright blue flowers, 1 ft.	.55
SAPONARIA OCYMOIDES (Soap-wart) pink, trailing and suitable for border or rockery.	.40	LONGIFOLIA-Compact clusters of blue flowers, 30 inches high.	.40
SCABIOSA CAUCASICA (Pink-cushion Flower) soft and charming shade of lavender, blooming June to September.	.55	REPENS-Dwarf branching, pale blue, 2 inches high.	.55
		VIOLA (Tufted Pansies)-Popular garden flower continuous and free flowering.	
		AFRICOT-beautiful rich apricot shades tinged toward center.	.55

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Arkwright Ruby - rich and velvety, bright ruby crimson, fragant.	.55	JERSEY GEM-Dark blue .55
CHANTREYLAND-IMPROVED apricot.	.55	WALLER FRANKLIN MIXTURE .55
		W.H. Woodgate- Pure bright .55 sky blue, large round flowers on long stem. 9 inches.

NOT LESS THAN TWELVE OF A KIND AT THESE PRICES EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.

Remember these are prepaid and GUARANTEED to reach you in good condition.

Our seeds are sown in the open from May 1st on, We have our own misting system that keeps the surface of the soil moist at all times so that we have the most perfect germination possible with seeds.

We invite you to visit us and you will see a revelation in growing perennials from seed. We are proud of our place and we believe that we have developed a system of packing plants for shipment that is second to none. Read what some of our customers say about our packing and the fine quality of our plants.

At these prices for these fine plants you can have a garden full of fine perennials and as an inducement for you to order these in quantity, we will give two dozen extra, our selection, providing you order ten dozen. Remember these are prepaid and guaranteed to reach you in fine condition.

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Three years ago we offered perennial seedlings to the retail trade. Our business has increased beyond all our dreams. Every mail brings us letters from satisfied customers all over the country. In these days of reduced income it is quite necessary to cut all expenses; this you can do when you buy RICHARDS GARDENS seedlings as they cost you about a quarter to a sixth the price of field grown transplanted plants so you can have a garden full of fine perennials on your reduced budget. This year we have increased the list and have many more varieties for you to make a selection. We will have many more varieties in the Spring and will have a new list at that time, but cannot give you these now as many of them are slow growing and not ready. Read what many of our satisfied customers say. These are only a few of the very fine letters which we get.

Neshaminy Farms  
Newton, Pennsylvania  
May 4, 1938.

Richards Gardens  
Plainwell, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank you for attending to my order so promptly. The plants came in good shape and as they all had such wonderful root systems, I know they will all grow. Am more than pleased with my dealings with Richards Gardens.

Very truly yours,  
Lucy E. Porter.

Hopedale, Mass.  
April 22, 1938.

Richards Gardens  
Plainwell, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

The seedlings ordered from you came today and my gardening friend who had some of them and I were so pleased with them. I wanted to tell you.

Either through a mistake or intentionally as a gift there were extra seedlings, for which we thank you.

Just as soon as I can afford it, I should like to order again.

Very truly yours  
(Mrs Albert H. ) Margaret J. Woodhead

Riverside, Illinois  
May 9, 1938.

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Plainwell, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

My order was received some days since and I want to thank you for it. Never have I seen plants so beautifully done up or received in such superior condition. Not only that, but your seedlings are veritable plants. Wonderful work it is and I shall recommend you to my friends.

Very sincerely yours  
( Mrs Joseph F.) Elizabeth C. Jaros.

Detroit, Michigan.

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Dear Sirs:

I want to congratulate you on packing your plants properly for shipment! My order of seedlings of March 15, 1938 to be shipped April 13th arrived promptly in perfect condition, care having been taken to insure dampness, and ventilation, beside being snugly packed.

If you send out a catalogue, kindly send one to me.

Yours truly  
(Mrs) C.D. Hastings.

New York City, N.Y.  
May 16, 1938

Gentlemen:

You sure work fast! I sent you my order from New York on Tuesday afternoon and at 10 o'clock Saturday morning the little plants arrived at Wayne, Penna., in perfect condition. Thanks a lot for your very prompt attention. I hope I may order more from you from time to time.

Yours truly,  
Wm. P. Bentz.

Westbrook, Maine  
July 13, 1938.

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Dear Sirs:

I want you to know how pleased I am with the seedlings I got from you this Spring. I let a few of them bloom and they were wonderful. I think I shall like Vetterle & Reinelt the best. I have Harry O'Brien's article in my scrap book. I have raised my delphiniums from seeds and I have some very fine hybrids but now I can get such fine seedlings from you I wouldn't bother with seeds anymore. Shall want your folder in the Spring.

Very truly yours.  
(Miss) A.T. Pearson.

Bellingham, Washington  
April 12, 1938.

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Gentlemen:

Seems as though you ought to be told that the three dozen seedlings ordered from you with some doubt, completed their journey of over 2000 miles April 5, and looked alright. They were heeled in until this morning and then planted, with good new growth showing on practically all of them.

Yours very truly  
R.P. Loomis, Box 319.

Toledo, Ohio  
April 26, 1938

Dear Sirs:

The plants ordered for the 25th arrived on date and were in fine condition. I wish to thank you for the extra number added to each package.

The Dicentra Eximia are fine plants and many thanks for the extra plant. I love them. I would be very glad to have a list of your kinds of plants grown in the field that were not on the perennial seedling list.

Sincerely  
(Mrs) Louise B. Hastings.

Arlington, Va.  
March 23, 1938.

Richards Gardens  
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Gentlemen:

Just a word of appreciation for the very satisfactory way in which you handled my order for ten dozen seedlings. I can quite agree with one of your customers whom you quoted as saying "These are not seedlings--they're plants!" Particularly fine and large were the Blackmore & Langdon Delphiniums. The packing was very well done, and they all arrived in fine condition.

Again, thank you for a most satisfactory transaction

Very truly yours,  
(Mrs. Wm D.) Pauline B. Walker

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# TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Three years ago for the first time we offered our perennial seedlings to the retail trade. The response we have had to this offering makes us believe there are thousands more who want to buy their perennials as seedlings and **HITCH THEM GROW.** MAKE YOUR GARDEN DOLLAR BUY MORE. Buy seedlings at about one-sixth the price of field grown plants. You can buy one dozen perennial seedlings for the price of two field grown plants. These are packed and guaranteed to reach you in good condition. We promise. Not less than one dozen sold of each kind.

This also is the home of the RED BRICK RIVER, famous all over Michigan for its chicken dinners. We will be very glad to welcome you at RICHARDS GARDENS.

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